MINUTES AND REPORT

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MEETING OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF VICTORIA LTD.

held at 225 Swanston Street, Melbourne, 16th July 1984, commencing 4 p.m.

1. PRESENT

Mr. J. N. Black	Chairman
Mr. R. Harper	
Mr. E. J. Long	
Mr. J. Mitchell	
Mr. J. Rigby	
Mr. M. Rundle	
Mr. I. Symons	
Mr. W. W. Rawlinson	Executive Officer

Apologies for absence received from

Mr. B. H. Macintosh, Mr. M. Sevior, Mr. O. J. Slattery

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the Board meeting held 18th June 1984, having been circulated, were confirmed as a correct record of that meeting and adopted.

Moved: Mr. Rundle
seconded: Mr. Long

3. MATTERS ARISING

3.i	Minute 5.i	Associated Herd Improvement Co-operative requested to supply details of exact Co-operative character of interested associations seeking membership of A.H.I.C.
3.ii	Minute 5.ii	Reply received from Treasurer inviting Co-operative Federation representatives to meet with Corporate Affairs, Stock Exchange, Treasury Officers, to discuss disposal of shares of untraceable Co-operative Company members.

The Board resolved

That a Committee comprising Messrs. Slattery, Rundle, Snelleman (Murray Goulburn Co-operative) and Rawlinson be formed for this purpose to meet and report back on outcome of deliberations.

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3.iii	Minute 6	All requirements of application for membership by San Remo Fishermen's Co-operative now completed and relevant share certificate issued.
3.iv	Minute 9	29 participants completed the Directors seminar held 11th and 12th July 1984. Seminar papers were tabled.

4. CORRESPONDENCE

4.i Report from June meeting of Board issued to all members.

4.ii From Mr. E. J. Long - appreciation for felicitations on award of O.A.M.

4.iii From Director General, Local Government

advising transfer of administration of Weights & Measures legislation, packaging and labelling function to Minister for Consumer Affairs.

4.iv From Bendigo Trading Co-operative

re above and proposing exemption be granted under revised Co-operation Act for certain food co-operatives.

4.v From C.F.A.

Invitation for Fishery Co-operative representative to attend 6th Asian Seminar for Fishery Co-operatives, Tokyo, August/September 1984.

Victorian Fishery Co-operative members canvassed but no nomination provided. C.F.A. so advised.

5. APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership of the Co-operative Federation, and for five $2 shares in the Federation, together with remittance covering membership subscription to 30.6.85 and relevant share monies, was received from

Gay Publications Co-operative Ltd.

After due consideration the Board resolved

that Gay Publications Co-operative Ltd. be admitted into membership and five fully paid two dollar shares be issued to that Co-operative.

Moved: Mr. Long
seconded: Mr. Rundle

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6. FINANCIAL

Draft accounts for year ending 30th June 1984 were presented to the meeting for information.

The Board resolved

that the Executive Officer be complimented on the achievement of a much better than budgetted financial result despite times of economic restraint.

Moved: Mr. Rundle
seconded: Mr. Long

The Board further

(i) Set the date of the Annual General Meeting of the Federation as October 15th, 1984.

(ii) Agreed that the statutory Directors' Statement and Report of Directors be signed by Messrs. Slattery and Long;

(iii) that a Provision of $150 for Doubtful Debts be raised.

7. 1984 CONFERENCE

Brochures were issued by post to Members and other Co-operative companies on 20th June 1984. 200 copies were distributed at the Government organised seminar on 23rd June. Speakers Max Ogden and Peter Juliff organised for Industrial Relations panel and computer introduction programme respectively.

8. CENTRAL BANKING

Reply awaited from V.C.C.A. on information required to update sample testing of possible participants for feasibility submission to be made to the Federation.

V.C.C.A. has made submissions to Registrar for relevant legislative change. Copy information awaited by the Federation.

The Board directed that in view of

(i) developments of E.F.T.S. associated with the cheque clearance situation;

(ii) the experience of National Bank providing the central bank service for C.F. N.S.W.

The Central Bank sub-committee investigate and report on the alternative of a Federation operated central Banking scheme using the resources of the National Bank.

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9. SUPERANNUATION

A proposal for providing a national superannuation service for staff and members of Co-operatives on a national basis was considered. The Board emphasised the need for any scheme to provide for portability from Co-operative to non co-operative employment. The Board noted the proposal of the promoters to assist in research and marketing the proposal.

The Board resolved

That the Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd. welcome the initiative of the Co-operative Federation of Australia in providing the proposal on a national superannuation scheme. C.F.V. Ltd. will be happy to co-operate with Willis Faber Johnson and Higgins to enable a detailed report to be submitted on Victorian local potential viability and Federation revenue from provision of such superannuation services for Victorian Co-operative Employers and members.

10. MINISTERIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION

The Board noted that 3 Directors and the Executive Officer had been asked to speak at the Government organised seminar on 23rd June attended by 510 State and interstate Co-operative representatives.

The Board noted the Victorian Government's efforts to obtain submissions and consultation to provide input for sound future Co-operative planning.

The Board resolved

(i) To seek an extension of time by which submissions arising from the information paper be made to the Ministerial Advisory Committee.

(ii) For the legislation committee to meet urgently to consider preparation of a submission using comments on the information paper prepared by the Executive Officer and circulated to all Directors for information.

(iii) The legislative committee proposed submission be circulated for comment by each Director and thereafter be submitted as the Federation's submission to M.A.C.C.

11. CO-OPERATIVE FEDERATION OF AUSTRALIA

Executive Officers, Co-operative Federations N.S.W., Q'land, Western Australia and Victoria met in Melbourne on 22nd June 1984, followed by attendance at the State Government organised seminar on 23rd June.

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Matters considered included

(i) Proposed 1987 America's Cup Cultural Expo and Co-operative Conference.
Board policy of support in principle but no commitment was restated.

(ii) Restructuring Co-operative Federation of Australia

Proposed formation of national organisation with direct membership. State Executive Officers to be employees C.F.A., performing dual role at State level in matters State Co-operative legislation and administration. State Federation Directors to appoint local representation to national Board for direction on development of national policies. Subsequent paper received by C.F.A. Executive Councillor Macintosh, proposing C.F.A. adopt the existing rules of C.F. N.S.W., that C.F. N.S.W. be renamed C.F.A., that C.F. N.S.W. provide 4 directors with the other four States providing 1 director each, was considered unacceptable.

(iii) Co-operative Bank

A meeting of the national Committee is to be held in Sydney on 19th July 1984 to be attended by Messrs. Slattery and Clive Little.

12. EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Mr. Rawlinson outlined the varied programme he had undertaken since the last Board meeting. He proposed a clear duty statement be prepared by the Board covering the duties and responsibilities of a full-time Executive Officer and one for an Executive Officer limited by present resources of the Federation to a rate of three days per week.

13. FUTURE PLANNING

The Board resolved

(i) That a sub-committee comprising Messrs. Black, Rundle, Harper and Rawlinson meet in September 1984 to prepare a paper on future directions for the Federation for consideration at

(ii) A special meeting of the Board to be held between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Sunday, 7th October 1984.

Moved: Mr. Symons
seconded: Mr. Harper

14. BOARD SOCIAL GATHERING

The Board agreed a social gathering for Directors and wives be arranged for Friday, 27th July or Friday, 3rd August 1984.

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15. NEXT MEETING

It was agreed the next meeting of the Board be held on Tuesday, 14th August, immediately following the conclusion of the 1984 Conference.

16. CLOSURE

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 6.56 p.m.